

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Piers et al.	Filed : 12/1/2003
Appl. No. : 10/724,852	Examiner : William H. Matthews
Title : Multifocal Ophthalmic Lens	Group Art Unit : 3774
	Confirmation No. : 2156

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 31, 2008, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE), please make the following changes and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.